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## 'THE REAL CONTACT INTERNATIONAL'

EDITORIAL

Although it may not have been obvious to you the past few months have been hectic ones for Contact International (United Kingdom) - with or without UFO's ! Hectic - and yet one of those periods when you just cannot seem to get everything done quickly enough. You know what we mean ? Take membership for instance. Recently published books, written by Brinsley Le Poer Trench, have spread the word wide about the existence and work of Contact International; with the result that many new members have joined our ranks. This we are most pleased to announce. Unfortunately, during the time when all the enquiries began pouring in, our Membership Secretary was taken ill for a prolonged period and then, subsequently had to convalesce. We are relieved and pleased to say, now, that Miss Russell is back in fighting form and was last seen disappearing into a room full of paperwork ! If you are one of the members who experienced some delay in the actioning of your renewal or who did not receive a prompt reply to your enquiry about becoming a member - we apologise most sincerely and hope that you will understand, in the circumstances. Actually this does pinpoint one of our permanent problems, which is important to mention whilst we are on the subject. Contact International is not a super business organisation with sumptuous offices and a full time staff of hundreds as some suppose. It is a large organisation run on a voluntary basis by a handful of responsible men and women from far-flung offices throughout Britain and the World. There is no such thing as an official UFO research and information organisation or body - all the large, respected UFO associations operate with the assistance of part-time officers and helpers. We are aiming towards the setting up of a proper, full-time research and information organisation - but that will (need I say it ?) take time and a great deal more money than is available to us at present. Meanwhile Contact International frequently needs reliable practical assistance from its members to make the organisation more efficient. So if you feel that you may be able to help in any way, please don't hesitate to let us know; we need direct help with typing, language translations, administration, reports, investigations and analyses. Perhaps you have other qualifications which could be applied to assisting our research or information services, are you a good speaker ? (we are receiving an increasing demand for talks). Many of these things can be done in, or from, your own home, at your own convenience. But, one word of warning before you dash off for a pen and some paper - you won't be paid for what you do. None of us are !



# Contact news!

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We undertake the work because we believe that it is time that something objective be done in the way of UFO research and encouragement be given to those who are doing something about it. Too many people who have been in a position to do something about it have parked their backsides on the subject for too long !!! IT DOES CONSTITUTE A WORLD PROBLEM, SO FOR GOODNESS SAKE LET'S HAVE IT LOOKED INTO PROPERLY ! You may feel that you can only help in a small way, but it could make all the difference to C.I.U.K. at some time.

Having digressed somewhat, let's return to the original theme. During these past months C.I.U.K., as well as its international parent organisation, has been undergoing a painstaking sort-out in all respects. It is a slow, and laborious process which we won't go into details of, but which will undoubtedly show worth-while results in the near future. Nevertheless the outward signs are there already. New Information Sheets, and Membership details; Constitutions under discussion; increasing requests from Colleges and other organisations for information and lectures, etc., extended co-operation with other UFO research groups and the non-stop flow of UFO Reports, of course. Even now you are seeing actual evidence that practical thought has been applied to expenditure - the use of the funds provided, in the main by your subscription. We are speaking now of this magazine. In the past AWARENESS has been submitted to commercial printers for final production. Quite frankly we have not been satisfied with the results, especially in view of the high cost of printing and photocopying processes. Consequently the National Committee have decided that, at least for the time being, AWARENESS will be produced on our own professional duplicator. Having waited some time for the right machine to become available our patience has been rewarded (and yours too I hope !) with the most recent arrival of our new investment. To be honest it does make the Editors job a little more frustrating, not being able to use appropriate forms of illustrations or art work or photographs when the subject deserves it, I concede the point, nevertheless, that it is the actual 'goods' which are important and not the elegant wrapping and trimmings which embellish them ! In brief - the magazine isn't as 'pretty' as we would like it to be, but it is wholesome and less expensive to produce. Further to that you may like to note that Contact International has set its sights on the launching of a quality or 'glossy' periodical, dealing with the more serious and interesting aspects of UFOs and associated research, but a great deal more consideration has yet to be given to the matter.

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Finally, a word or two especially for our new members. Just take a good liik through this magazine. Does it contain what you wanted, or expected to read ? All issues of AWARENESS purposely present a variety of material, selected for intelligent, thinking individuals to read and make use of. It is not merely an information channel, but a form of communication between the producers, contributors, and you the 'audience'. It fulfills a function in the way that BBC Local Radio, for example, fulfills a function.

If you have any opinions or suggestions regarding AWARENESS or any particular part of it, or have written good and original articles, don't hoard them but cast them in this direction. If you do not want your name or letter to be published, we will respect your confidence. If you do want a letter or article published --- on any topic related to UFOs or the activities of Contact International --- please write and make it known. Forthcoming issues of AWARENESS, incidentally, will contain articles by such prominent writers as Dr.Daniel Dry, John Keel, Kiril Terziev, Brinsley Le Poer Trench, and Raymond Drake, as well as by many others.

More information and news in the next AWARENESS, which you will note is now published quarterly in the form of Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter issues.

Rick Roebuck.

#### STOP PRESS:

Since writing the above and editing this issue as far as proof stage, Mr. Roebuck has regrettably suffered serious illness necessitating his premature retirement as editor. Needless to say, we all wish him a speedy recovery, and take this opportunity of thanking him for all the work he achieved before becoming incapacitated.

At exceedingly short notice the undersigned has undertaken supervision of the late production stages of this issue, a phase thoroughly bedevilled by the current chronic paper shortage. This obstacle is now removed, as we have now successfully obtained sufficient paper stocks to meet all our foreseeable requirements --- thereby ensuring continuity of production of Contact UK's journals. This paper shortage has indeed been the main cause of the delay in producing this issue of your magazine. More cheerfully, the editing of the Summer issue of AWARENESS --- itself now due --- is now far advanced and should be ready for mailing by the end of September.

J.B.Delair.

NEWS FROM DATA RESEARCH ..... Derek Mansell

So far the number of UFO sightings for 1973 has not been vast; but then it's early days as yet. There have been one or two sightings; however, which have proved rather interesting. One in particular featured the sighting and filming of a 'fireball' type object on January 11th at Thame in Oxfordshire. A more detailed report of this occurrence is featured in this magazine.

Interesting news has recently been received from Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic of a large UFO 'flap' which occurred between August and December of 1972. The breakdown reads as follows:

1. For the Dominican Republic September was the month of the greatest number of sightings, whilst they were more prolific in Puerto Rico during October.
2. The first reported 'landings' in the Dominican Republic occurred in September and October.
3. The first reported 'contact' with 'occupants' took place in Puerto Rico and three incidents of telepathic contact were noted in addition.
4. The 'flap' was well covered by Radio, Television and newspapers, and the topic was well presented to the public.
5. Puerto Rico is 8,900 square kilometres in area and the Dominican Republic 48,500 square km. The 'flap', being as extensive as was reported, may be considered as more intense and of greater density in comparison with previous concentrations of UFO activity in other areas.
6. This 'flap' showed a complete gamut of sightings, landings, - with and without 'contact' - the presence of clouds and cigar shapes, animal abductions, incidents of animal reaction to the presence of UFOs, written messages, telepathic messages, good photographs and even a 'healing' by a UFO.
7. The largest number of sightings occurred after dark. Colours observed in association with the UFOs gave no indication of a fixed pattern, although orange was noted as recurring many times.

No doubt Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic witnessed an extraordinary UFO 'flap' - the largest ever to occur in these countries. This UFO activity was somewhat reminiscent of a 'flap' which occurred in the United States during 1965-66 and another in Spain in 1968.

Place: Ludlow, Shropshire.

.....observed two orange coloured discs, which seemed to disappear from time to time; they may have been flat in shape and were moving up and around in circles.

Witnesses: Housewife - Farmworker -

Police. Three lights were seen hovering 600 feet above an isolated woodland. Three different objects were hovering, backwards and forwards, according to one witness. Resembling radiating lights, they kept changing from red to white and white to red. Whilst watched for four hours the objects sometimes moved very quickly sometimes very slowly. No sound was heard.

Pulsating green lights were seen over Tong. Air traffic control at R.A.F. Cosford could offer no explanation.

Place: Rossendale, Lancs.

..... observed a red and green glowing object with no definite shape. It was seen to be just 'above' the moon, in the direction of Burnley, through a break in the clouds for about 5 seconds. Police have no other reports for that area.

Place: Ickford/Chilton/Cuddington, Bucks.

Witnesses: Teacher - Schoolchildren - Surveyor. The schoolteacher observed the object as semi-circular, orange and glowing; larger than the sun or moon in size. The schoolchildren, however, saw it as the size of a pea held at arms length, moving across the sky. The Surveyor, who was most fortunately able to film the object estimated its speed as 600 m.p.h. and its height as 2000 ft. Further details are included in a more comprehensive report elsewhere in this magazine (See 'The Thame Fireball')



- 19.1.73 Time:unconfirmed Place: Winsford, Cheshire.  
Witnesses: Two school girls.  
The object was reported as circular brilliant white and the size of a 2p piece held at arms length. It hovered, moved off, turned red and disappeared. It was visible for 3 minutes, but no sound was heard.
- 28.1.73 Time: 18.35. Place: Winsford, Cheshire.  
Witnesses: Seven school children.  
The object, either semi-circular or dome shaped, was reported as being as long as two buses and twice the height of a car. Its colour was not noted, but red and white lights were seen. No sound was heard. This object was hovering over a pond and Police were called to investigate.
- 8.2.73 Time:unconfirmed Place: Portsdown Hill, Hants.  
Witnesses: Two school boys.....  
.... who were crossing a road when they noticed a large shining object, about the size of a football, resembling a large ball of light, moving slowly above them, in circles, making no sound.
- 9.2.73 Time: 17.30. Place: Portsmouth, Hants.  
Witnesses: Workshop Manager (ex-policeman).  
Sitting in his vehicle, in a queue of traffic, the witness saw two white star-like objects, the size of a sixpence held at arms length. A red/orange glow was noticeable at the front of each object, which changed brightness, flickered and 'throbbed'. They moved slowly and were in view of the witness (intermittently due to traffic movement) for 5 minutes. No sound was heard above the traffic noise.
- 21.2.73 Time: 19.20. Place: Winsford, Cheshire.  
Witnesses: Twelve children .....  
..... who reported a semi-circular object with red and white lights around it.
- 23.2.73 Time: 21.30. Place: Winsford, Cheshire.  
Witnesses: Seven women.  
Object, with a bright throbbing light on top and a black lower part, hovered over a house, ascended into the sky very quickly and then returned to its original position. After some time it became red then seemed to glow with the addition of a small green light before shooting off across the sky. It remained visible for over one hour.



Between You and Me  
by  
Brinsley Le Poer Trench

There are many puzzling aspects of the UFO subject and, one in particular, is that phenomenon called 'Angel Hair'.

Students of ufology will have heard about the many occasions when this strange substance has dropped from UFOs and draped itself over the countryside.

Two famous examples are the identical sightings in France during 1952, at Oleron and Gaillac, ten days apart. On each of these occasions, the objects left an abundant trail behind them, which slowly fell to the ground as it dispersed. For several hours, clumps of it hung on trees, on the telephone wires and on the roofs of the houses.

It is appreciated that these two sightings are 'old hat', but today over a decade later there may be many young people interested in the UFO subject who have not even heard of these remarkable events. And truly remarkable they were !! 1.

I consider these two identical sightings as two of the most important ones that have ever occurred because so much can be learned from them. In my opinion, for what it is worth, the lessons from these two sightings have not been learned. We have not caught on to what was being presented to us in a very obvious way.

Here, however, we are dealing in this article with the Angel Hair aspect, but there is another one, perhaps more important, emanating from these two sightings of the utmost significance, which I will present in a future article.

The trouble is that when really big sightings occur, we don't pause to think and realise that they may mean something for us to ponder over. We are so busy just jotting down sightings, investigating them, and so forth, that we miss the real purpose.

The late Professor Charles M. Maney, former head of the Department of Physics at Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, wrote an article some years ago for Flying Saucer Review called 'The Phenomena of Angel Hair' in which he documented Angel Hair cases all over the world. 2. Since then, many more cases have been recorded.

In my new book 'The Eternal Subject' I have devoted a chapter to a comparison of 'Angel Hair' with 'Ectoplasm'.<sup>3</sup> The latter is encountered in the seance room.

I wrote: 'This is the substance of which materialisations are formed and which appears prior to a materialisation. It can be likened to a liquid plasticine and flows over things in the room, and can elongate itself to great lengths. It is rather like whitish bubblegum'.

When people have been able to collect Angel Hair, it rapidly becomes gelatinous, sublimed in the air and disappears.

Now, it is possible that Angel Hair and maybe, other oily substances, could be superfluous materialised energy left over from the materialisation of a UFO from another dimension or space time continuum.

Further, that this superfluous material not used drops back to Earth and gradually dissolves back into its own dimension. As I wrote in my last book, this, of course, I cannot prove and is only theoretical speculation. However, you may like to think about this.

Once again, quoting from my book 'If this thought has some interest it could be compared with ectoplasm to some extent. This, we have seen is a substance which appears in the seance room and from which materialisations manifest. We are not saying that Angel Hair and Ectoplasm are necessarily the same. However, they may be 'cousins'. Angel Hair may be a by-product of something more closely connected with ectoplasm. Anyway, these ideas may open up a train of thought for ufologists and another field of research'.

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## The Thame 'Fireball'

Report compiled by Rick Roebuck and Derek Mansell

"I thought at first that it was a grain silo with a fluorescent orange dome ..... but then I realised that it seemed to be rotating at tremendous speed", said school-teacher, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, during a recorded interview, for Data Research. At approximately 9 a.m. on Thursday 11th January Mrs. Thompson had been driving her Mini van along the quiet country road, travelling north-east from the small Buckinghamshire village of Ickford when she noticed the almost circular, orange, glowing object, the size of a football held at arms length, directly ahead, beyond the 'T' junction she was at that time approaching; it appeared to be hovering, low over the horizon, according to her account.

At just about the same time, 5 miles north east of Mrs. Thompson's position, the very children that she was on her way to teach stood in the playground of Chilton Church of England Primary School and watched an 'orangey' ball of fire tracing an unusual flight path across the sky above them, for a period somewhere between 30 seconds and one minute, as near as could be assessed.

Surveyor, Mr. Peter Day, was driving from Thame, along the A418 towards Aylesbury, just before 9 a.m. that same morning when he noticed the 'fireball', fairly low in the sky to his left and travelling in roughly the same direction he was going. Mr. Day is a keen 'movie' amateur and consequently had with him in the car an 8 mm. film camera, with which he was able to record, on 12 seconds of film, the 'fireball' in motion. (A copy of the film, processed by Kodak, is now held by Contact International Data Research Centre, courtesy of Mr. Day). This witness calculates that he observed the object for about 30 seconds altogether and lost little time in stopping his car and preparing the camera for filming. The film shows the fireball moving rapidly and steadily across the horizon, its size being about that of a pea at arms length, until it takes on an elongated shape and then, immediately disappears.

By virtue of the time factor involved and the correlation of other details it seems certain that the object seen by the individual witnesses was the same one. The question remains - What, exactly was it ? A Science Research Council spokesman was consulted at the Satellite and Radio Tracking Station, Slough, commented unofficially that it was a local phenomena not associated with satellite activity: but that it may be the result of a 'rocket experiment', if such was being carried out in the area



The latter point has yet to be confirmed and a written reply from the Tracking Station is awaited. When the Ministry of Defence was contacted on the sighting they replied that the occurrence " .... was consistant with that of an aircraft flying with the use of afterburners which were switched off as the observer watched it". In all fairness it should be noted that the M.O.D., have not yet received the comprehensive report we are at present still compiling, nor, to our knowledge, have they seen the film. The evidence in hand, however, does eliminate that theory. Albeit, enquiries have yet to be made in respect of military or other research centres in the area whose activities may have given rise to this phenomenon. It is a fact, incidently, that a USAF F1-11 fighter aircraft crashed some miles away from the area in which the 'fireball' was observed that morning, but there is no evidence to substantiate a connection between the two events, so far. In fact the phenomenon observed by all the witnesses we interviewed could easily and accurately be written off as, simply, a 'Fireball' ! BUT .....

1. 'Fireballs' in themselves are a phenomena which continue to intrigue scientists; their cause and origin is not yet known and they are the subject of contemporary research.
2. According to the children interviewed this 'fireball' was seen to hover, descend and climb more than once during its observed flight and at one stage become partially translucent. They also confirmed the report of Mrs. Thompson that the object was spinning in an anti-clockwise direction, about a vertical axis, and varying in intensity of brightness, according to its speed of travel, it seems.
3. As confirmed by the film this 'Fireball' maintained a steady, horizontal flight-path at comparatively high speed over many miles, when it was not 'performing' the reported maneouvres.
4. It is possible that the apparent and sudden disappearance of the phenomena was due to it receding into heavy cloud, since the sky was overcast at the time of the incident. It is equally relevant to note, however, that the local Met. Office recorded no electrical storms in the area at this time.

In view of the intriguing factors gleaned from the detailed reports of the independent witnesses and the nature of the phenomenon, with recorded evidence on film, Contact International Data Research Centre is continuing its investigation of the event (also, incidently in co-operation with and on behalf of B.U.F.O.F.A.) and will be consulting other experts and scientific appraisal in an attempt to identify the 'fireball'. Meanwhile it remains, by definition, a UFO - of a type of which we are receiving an increasing number of reports.

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A UFO RESCUES THE LEGION OF ROME

by W. Raymond Drake

(Author of 'Mystery of the Gods')

In 73 BC, the Consul Lucullus led the Roman Legions against Mithridates of Pontus, who was laying waste Asia Minor.

Mithridates, once boastful and pompous, had re-organised his forces in the Roman fashion; he disciplined the Barbarians into a well-drilled phalanx, replaced their rich trappings with armour and ships formally decked with canopies and concubines now stored missiles and munitions of war. The King's immense array of 120,000 Footmen, 16,000 Horsemen and 100 scythe-bearing four-horse Chariots strained to hurl themselves upon the 35,000 Infantry and 2,500 cavalry led by Lucullus, eager to smash the invaders into the ground. Mithridates glanced proudly around at his vast horde, the sun glinting on their armour. Men yelled and brandished their swords, whilst neighing horses pawed the earth impatiently. The King had good reason to smile as he prepared to raise his hand as a signal to attack. The graphic words of Plutarch describe the unforeseen events which followed.

"But presently, as they were on the point of joining battle with no apparent change of weather, but all of a sudden the sky burst asunder as a huge flame-like body was seen to fall between the two armies. In shape it was most like a wine jar and in colour like molten silver. Both sides were astonished at the sight and separated. This marvel, so they say, occurred in Phrygia at a place called Otryae". (Near the Dardenelles, not far from Troy).

Astounded at this wonder from Heaven, Mithridates avoided battle, his hordes fled north to besiege Cyzicus is the Sea of Marmora. Lucullus followed slowly cutting off all provisions; the King's army consequently suffered starvation and disintegrated to rout, and in disgrace sought refuge in Armenia, whilst the Romans won a series of victories and immense booty. After some masterly campaigns Lucullus restored Roman power in Asia Minor and returned to Rome in triumph, bringing great wealth and prosperity back to Italy. He subsequently introduced the cherry to Italy, bred fish, built dwellings in the sea and observatories, poured forth money for paintings and statues, arranged fabulous banquets, established libraries and debated philosophy with his ardent friend Cicero before he eventually lost his mind through taking drugs and died in 57 BC, to be mourned by all Rome.

It was more than one hundred years after that dramatic confrontation between Mithridates and Lucullus that Plutarch, whose writings inspired Shakespeare's plays, marvelled at the astounding apparition he described with eloquence worthy of the Bard himself, - "...a huge flame-like body ... like a wine jar and in colour like molten silver" ... What prodigy from the heavens could possibly terrify proud Mithridates in the midst of his immense army, ready to achieve his crowning ambition to drive the Romans into the sea? What miracle saved the legions from certain destruction?

In 480 BC a great light flamed over Salamis watching the Greeks smash the invasion fleet of Xerxes; in 394 BC the celestial 'beam' over Cnides saw the Spartans defeated at sea to lose the Empire of Greece; for a decade, globes of fire followed Hannibal as he ravaged Italy and routed the Romans at Lake Trasimene in 217 BC. Now, in 73 BC Spacemen were studying this campaign of Lucullus in the East. The Spaceship burst down through the sky, breaking the sound-barrier, its thunder and radiance paralysed the armies hushed at this wonder between them. Even from some distance that unknown reporter was visibly thrilled - his account, now, alas, lost, impressed Plutarch a century later, as it excites us today. The Celestials probably waited, content to separate the contestants until the Barbarians ran, terrified, in retreat. This spaceship won the day for Rome. More than 800 years later, in AD 776 two Flying Shields would save the Knights of Charlemagne at Sigiburg.



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"It was a beautiful, small, craft, shaped more like a heavy glass bell than a saucer ... It was translucent and of exquisite colour". This classic description, by George Adamski, of the Flying Saucer from Venus which landed in the Californian Desert on 20th November 1952, has since been imitated by hundreds of witnesses to describe the Spaceships which have astounded them. Some soar to lyrical beauty, others delineate in aeronautical detail. All agree on the startling, breathtaking wonder, transforming their lives.

Whilst Lucullus was feasting his guests at those fabulous banquets, did he sometimes recall that celestial 'wine jar' which once had stood between himself and Mithridates ?

The Ship of the Gods ?

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THAT MYSTERY PHOTOGRAPH .....

..... published in the last edition of AWARENESS. No more news yet ! In fact, progress is hampered by the fact that we have so far been unable to locate the original negative of the picture showing a most unusual object flying over the Malaysian jungle. The film may still be somewhere in Malaya, Singapore or Australia - or anywhere ! But our researchers haven't given up yet by any means ....

BOOK REVIEWS

by

J. B. Delair

THE ETERNAL SUBJECT by Brinsley Le Poer Trench.

All of Mr. Le Poer Trench's past books on the "flying saucer" theme have been significant contributions to the UFO literature. His latest volume, The Eternal Subject, subtitled Chariots of Yesterday UFOs of Today, and published by the Souvenir Press at £2.50p., is another and will surely be welcomed by ufologists everywhere.

Inevitably this book covers much of the ground already discussed in several of the author's previous books, since it is to a large degree an expansion of the hypotheses expounded in those volumes - i.e., that UFOs, their occupants, and extraterrestrial intelligences were directly involved in the creation and development of primordial Man and his initial cultures. The chapters headed The Manufacture of Humanity and Are We a Hybrid Race ? are of special interest in that context, and the ideas and details presented in them leads the author to suggest that there exists in the cosmos a system or "lattice" with which humanity, whether it knows it or not, is irrevocably interlocked.

But The Eternal Subject consists of very much more than a mere extension of the author's theories concerning Man's origin and early development, for the fascinating topics of UFO bases on Earth, animal reactions to UFO near approaches, materializations and UFOs, "cloud" UFOs and teleportations, and numerous paranormal aspects of the UFO enigma are discussed at considerable length in a refreshing and straight forward style. They are also intriguing sections devoted to the well known mystery airships, aeroplanes, and "ghost" rockets of the late 1800's, early 1900's, 1930's, and 1946 respectively, while there is also another section dealing with UFOs in the Bible. Ufology in general, and UFO sightings in particular, are brought fully up-to-date by a chapter entitled Into the Seventies, some events as recent as June 1972 receiving attention.

Clearly referenced throughout to the extensive bibliography at the end of the book, this volume also contains a very useful descriptive catalogue of recorded UFO shapes, and, thank goodness, a proper index. The Eternal Subject is illustrated by several excellent UFO photographs, and by a series of astonishing and altogether very convincing original drawings illustrative of "biblical" UFO episodes by the well-known Yugoslavian ufologist, Kiril Terziev. On this showing Mr. Terziev is a gifted artist.

Assessed overall, this book is a well balanced contribution to the UFO literature, in which the many perplexing and anomalous aspects of ufology are marshalled and discussed in sensible order. Heartiest congratulations are due to the author for achieving this, and to the publishers for producing an attractive volume, entirely free, as far as this reviewer can ascertain, of typographical or other mechanical blemishes. Certainly The Eternal Subject is a book all ufologists should read and study.

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#### UFOs - SCIENTIFIC DEBATE

Edited by

Carl Sagan and Thornton Page.

To find a book discussing all aspects of the UFO enigma and those concerned with their study is exceedingly rare, despite the claims of many to actually do so, yet UFOs - A Scientific Debate is just such a book, and must, from every point of view, be regarded as a milestone in the UFO literature.

No less than 378 pages in length, and complete with 23 carefully chosen plates (photographs), 5 tables, and 2 charts, this book contains the views of fifteen experts in such diverse fields as physics, meteorology, astronomy, psychology, psychiatry, and sociology, the pros and cons of the entire controversial subject receiving equal attention. For this happy balance, posterity will be for long indebted to the impartiality of the editors --- Carl Sagan Professor of Astronomy at Cornell University, and Thornton Page, an astrophysicist now at the NASA Manned Spacecraft Centre, Houston.

Among the numerous aspects of ufology accorded special attention are the important radar sightings, the emotional reactions of eye-witnesses, and the numerically significant "unexplained" cases. A particularly interesting section is devoted to the exciting possibility that someone or something "out there" is trying to contact Earth and its inhabitants.



The book itself adopts no final stance with regard to the nature and origins of UFOs, but in doing so, and in confronting the problem through scientific debate, greatly reduces the area of intrigue and mystery that has hitherto persistently enveloped it. Of special note is the fact that, viewed collectively, the various sections in the book, also highlight the serious and sometimes large gaps present in current scientific frameworks, and show the need for a less dogmatic approach than has so far generally been the case among the scientific fraternity. Conversely, these same factors suggest a much-needed amelioration of the frequently rampant enthusiasm of committed UFO "buffs".

Although perhaps rather highly priced for the average reader's pocket, there can be no doubt that UFOs - A Scientific Debate is, in terms of the extraordinary wide coverage given this intriguing subject, enormously good value, even at £5.65p.

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### INVESTIGATING UFOS

by

Larry Kettelkamp

As is well known, many of the most avid readers of UFO books are youngsters naturally excited by modern Man's attempts at Lunar landings and Space exploration. Until now, however, such books have generally been of a comparatively advanced or complex character, and must, in the main, have constituted "tough going" for many young readers. It is therefore, most encouraging to at last find this literary deficiency remedied by a new book --- Investigating UFOS By Larry Kettelkamp

Although only 96 pages in length, this little book still manages to cover all the most significant aspects of UFOs in lucid and readable fashion. Throughout there is a refreshing avoidance of the sensational for sensationalism's sake, even well-documented cases featuring bizarre or fantastic ingredients being presented soberly. Indeed, this sensible approach, complimented incidentally by several happily-chosen photographs, is the book's greatest single merit. It will be easily comprehended by even very young readers, and certainly fills a much needed requirement.

Modestly priced at £1.25p. By Ronald Stacey Ltd., of 56 Doughty Street, London, this book is warmly recommended to all young persons interested in the UFO riddle. And, the reviewer suspects, it will be welcomed by many older readers too.

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RE-ENTERED SATELLITES

The following list catalogues the satellites that have re-entered the Earth's atmosphere since the last list was issued.

<u>CATALOGUE</u> <u>NUMBER.</u>	<u>SATELLITE.</u>	<u>SOURCE.</u>	<u>NAME.</u>	<u>DATE</u> <u>DECAYED.</u>	<u>TIME.</u>
6293	72-094C	USSR	Intercosmos 8.	02.1.73	1716
4054	96-065A	US	OPS 8285	04.	1716
6325	72-099D	USSR	Cosmos 538.	04.	1338
6331	72-099E	USSR	Cosmos 538.	04.	
6326	72-105A	USSR	Cosmos 541.	08.	
6255	72-084B	USSR	Cosmos 526.	08.	1439
6227	72-079Z	US	OPS 8314.	08.	
6337	72-105D	USSR	Cosmos 541.	09.	
6295	72-095B	USSR	Molniya 1-22.	10.	2158
6292	72-094B	USSR	Intercosmos 8.	12.	1445
6334	73-001B	USSR	Luna 21.	12.	
6327	72-105B	USSR	Cosmos 541.	12.	1837
6338	72-105E	USSR	Cosmos 541.	12.	
6309	72-098B	USSR	Molniya 2-4.	13.	0011
1758	65-82CV	US	Titan 3C4	13.	
6335	73-001C	USSR	Luna 21.	13.	
6342	72-105F	USSR	Cosmos 541.	15.	
5617	71-109C	US	Ariel 4.	18.	
6310	720098C	USSR	Molniya 2-4.	19.	1237
6340	73-002B	USSR	Cosmos 503.	22.	
3990	69-053A	US	IMP 5.	23.	
6321	72-103A	US	OPS 3978.	23.	
6339	73-002A	USSR	Cosmos 543.	24.	
6317	73-002D	USSR	Cosmos 543.	25.	
6346	73-002C	USSR	Cosmos 543.	28.	0412
5982	65-82VB	US	Titan 3C-4.	31.	

SATELLITE DECAY PREDICTIONS

<u>CATALOGUE</u> <u>NUMBER.</u>	<u>SATELLITE.</u>	<u>SOURCE.</u>	<u>NAME.</u>	<u>ESTIMATED</u> <u>DECAY DATE.</u>
6015	70-025MS	US	Nimbus-D.	Feb., 19.73.
6316	72-100B	US	Aeros.	26.
2493	65-082KJ	US	Titan 3C-4.	27.
3712	68-097AP	USSR	Cosmos 252.	27.
3100	68-006A	USSR	Cosmos 200.	28.
1710	65-082 BR	US	Titan 3C-4.	Mar., 02.
6357	73-007B	USSR	Molniya 1-23.	03.
6222	72-078A	USSR	Cosmos 523.	07.
6291	72-094A	USSR	Intercosmos 8.	07.

<u>CATALOGUE</u> <u>NUMBER.</u>	<u>SATELLITE.</u>	<u>SOURCE.</u>	<u>NAME.</u>	<u>ESTIMATED</u> <u>DECAY DATE.</u>
2053	65-082JP	US	Titan 3C-4.	Mar., 14. 73.
6279	72-090B	US	Telsat-A.	14.
6077	72-048B	USSR	Cosmos 497.	17.
5900	69-082KC	US	OPS 1807.	19.
6100	72-054B.	USSR	Cosmos 501.	26.
6229	72-054B	USSR	Cosmos 524.	Apr., 01.
5896	72-089CP	USSR	Cosmos 374.	02.
2041	65-082JB	US	Titan 30-4.	04.
6315	72-100A	US	Aeros.	16.
6101	72-053C	USSR	Cosmos 500.	18.
6181	71-076C	US	OPS 7681.	19.
6254	72-084A	USSR	Cosmos 526.	22.
6353	73-006A	USSR	Cosmos 547.	26.
5593	69-082JC	US	OPS 7613.	May, 02.
3475	65-082QA	US	Titan 3C-4.	03.
6164	72-053E	USSR	Cosmos 500.	03.
3865	69-029Q	USSR	'Meteor'	04.

Supplementary to the foregoing satellite re-entry and estimated decay dates, it may be of interest to provide additional particulars relating to the total number of man-made objects in the Earth's atmosphere. As at February 11th this year, there were 2901 objects, these were as follows:-

	<u>USA.</u>	<u>USSR.</u>	<u>UK.</u>	<u>CAN.</u>	<u>FRA.</u>	<u>ESRO.</u>	<u>CHINA.</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
Earth-orbiting payloads ..	336	193	5	5	9	4	2	10
Earth-orbiting debris ..	1595	617	2	-	35	2	3	8
Space probes ..	22	18	-	-	-	-	-	-
Space debris ..	27	8	-	-	-	-	-	-

These statistics have been issued by the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, U.S.A.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND RETIREMENTS

We are delighted to announce that, due to the increasing number and magnitude of the enquiries received at Data Research relating to UFOs, current UFO research, and individuals engaged in ufological research, a new post known as the Research Enquiries Officer has been created. Up until



now all such enquiries have been processed by Derek Mansell, but who, because of the size of the new appointment, has now relinquished his duties in favour of Data Research team member John Sears, who will be able to devote more time to this exacting and time-consuming task. All enquiries should, therefore, be henceforth addressed to John who, at least for the time being, will operate this service from Data Research's headquarters at Cumnor. His address can be found printed on page 1 of this issue.

We would stress that this new post does not nullify that of Public Relations Officer, which is currently and successfully filled by Tony Riebold, and David Baxter.

On a sadder note, we regret to have to announce the enforced retirement of Maureen Russell from her post as Membership Secretary. This decision has been occasioned by a relapse into the ill-health that has for so long now made her life anything but easy. Needless to say we all wish her a very speedy and thorough recovery, and would here like to record our sincere appreciation of the sterling work she undertook in the past on behalf of Contact (UK). Maureen intends to remain a member of Contact (UK), so, who knows, she may in some healthier day be persuaded to once again act in some administrative capacity on Contact's behalf.\*

For the time being at least, the post of Membership Secretary will be held by Derek Mansell, whose seemingly inexhaustible energy well qualifies him for this arduous and time-consuming job. As from this issue, therefore, please send all enquiries and subscriptions relating to membership direct to Derek at his home in Cumnor. The address appears on page 1 of this issue.

Although not yet created, it could well be that, in the near future, a further post will be established within the framework of Data Research, whereby one individual will be charged with supervising the collecting together of all provincial and local newspaper accounts of UFOs and related phenomena. As we all know, there are hundreds of newspapers and journals regularly published throughout the country, and many issue accounts of UFO sightings and activity. The problem of keeping track of these is enormous. A widespread team of newspaper scrutineers is required. If you would like to undertake scrutiny of your local papers, and would like to be associated with this important project, please write direct to our Research Programme Co-ordinator, Bernard Delair, at the Cumnor headquarters of data Research.

Editor.

\* This information supersedes that given on page 2 of this issue.